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TOPIC Military Installations in Warszawa

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to December 1951, a fuel depot equipped with a railroad spur branching from the Warszawa-Radom (R 52/Q 19) railroad line was located south of Warszawa, directly west of the old race track, south of Zluzewiec. Source frequently observed railroad tank cars being emptied by means of thick hoses into underground tanks. Numerous fuel barrels were stored in the terrain. Fuel was picked up by trucks. \*
2. A new depot of about 10 single-story brick buildings and two large storehouses, which was still occupied by prisoners in December 1951, was located west of the fuel depot. According to Polish prisoners, the installation was to be occupied by a Polish AAA unit in the spring of 1952. A number of storehouses, about 150 meters long and equipped with railroad spurs and loading ramps, was located near this depot. \*
3. Prior to December 1951, another resettler observed through the barbed-wire fence that numerous earth walls arranged in lines and sodded were located in the above mentioned fuel depot. Railroad tank cars, which had apparently arrived during the night, were frequently observed inside the installation. \*
4. A number of very long storehouses, at which uniforms, linen and billeting equipment were unloaded from railroad cars, were observed west of the fuel depot. Boxes, baskets and barrels were picked up by trucks several times weekly. The billets of an Internal Security (KBW) unit responsible for guard duty at the above mentioned

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installations were located near the storehouses. The nearby concentration OPI quartered German and Polish prisoners. No information on a change in the use of the installation was available. \*

5. Prior to December 1951, another resettler frequently observed a billeting area of a number of single-story brick buildings just east of the southeastern borough of Sielce on the south side of ul. Podchorazych. The capacity of the installation was estimated at 150 men. Detachments of 30 to 40 men wearing khaki uniforms frequently marched out of the billets. \*

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6. Another resettler observed that the barracks installation located in the borough of Sielce and on the north side of ul. Podchorazych was occupied by a motorized infantry unit prior to July 1951. Source was sure that the soldiers of the unit wore red cap bands. The caps had brilliant black visors and chin straps. Officers and EM wore caps of the same design. Weapons observed included rifles, submachine guns and 80-mm mortars. Trucks of various types were observed at the numerous garages in the barracks area at all times. \*\*

7. Another billeting area was located in the borough of Targowek near ul. Radzyminska. Polish soldiers were observed in the buildings. Gasia Street was renamed /nielewiz in the summer of 1950.

8. In June 1951, another resettler ascertained that the reconstruction work on the southern buildings of the barracks installation on the north side of ul. Podchorazych was completed, whereas ruins were still seen in the northern section of the installation. The completed buildings were occupied by a Polish unit of soldiers wearing red cap bands. \*

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9. Prior to the fall of 1951, a barracks installation of a number of three-story buildings was observed in the northern suburb of Bielany, directly southeast of the airfield located there and west of the Modlin (R 53/K 71) road. According to Polish construction workers, it was occupied by a Polish AAA unit. Training with three or four heavy AAA guns was frequently observed in the area between the airfield and the barracks installation. Three other low brick buildings, which also served military purposes, were located southeast of this barracks installation.

10. While riding, on 18 March 1952, in a train from Frankfurt/Oder to Breslau, Litovsk, source observed that an AAA position at the bridge over the Vistula River in Warszawa, which had been occupied when source rode past previously, was evacuated. The emplacements still were in usable condition.

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Comment. The statements of the present report on supply depots in Zluzowiec confirm various previous reports.

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Comment. The resettlers saw the arsenal Ksa, which is controlled by the Security Ministry.

\* Comment. Extensive barracks installations, located on both sides of ul. Podchorazych, which, however, were allegedly occupied by strong Internal Security (KBW) units, were mentioned in previous reports. Judging by the red cap bands observed by the resettlers and the numerous motor vehicles, it is believed that the installations are now occupied by a motorized infantry unit. It is fairly definitely believed that this unit was not an element of the ~~Kosciusko~~ Division as the soldiers of this division wear yellow cap bands.

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